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SUBJ: ANAPRA CROSSING

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1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFTEL, EMBOFF DISCUSSED WITH LUIS CABRERA SUBJECT OF HOW TO PROCEED IN QUESTION OF ANAPRA CROSSING. THERE MAY BE A SEMANTIC QUESTION CONCERNING WHAT CONSTITUTES A "FORMAL AGREEMENT" IN SUCH INSTANCES. WHAT CABRERA CONTENTS IS NECESSARY IS AN EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES. AS PRECEDENTS, HE NOTED SUCH RECENT EXAMPLES AS THE GOM'S INITIATIVES IN REGARD TO OPENING A NEW PORT-OF-ENTRY AT OTAY MESA AND AN EXTENSION OF THE HOURS OF OPERATION AT LUKEVILLE-SONOITA (THESE TWO REQUESTS WERE THE SUBJECT OF MEXICAN EMBASSY NOTES NO. 3313 OF NOVEMBER 23, 1973 AND NO. 3604 OF DECEMBER 19, 1973 RESPECTIVELY, COPIES OF WHICH WERE FORWARDED TO THE EMBASSY).

2. AS REGARDS TO THE ANAPRA CROSSING, THE EMBASSY, FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN STATE 160248 OF SEPTEMBER 29, 1970, ADDRESSED A FIRST PERSON NOTE TO THEN-FOREIGN SECRETARY CARRILLO FLORES PROPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BORDER CROSSING AT ANAPRA AND INVITING GOM AGREEMENT. THERE HAVE BEEN INTERVENING DIPLOMATIC NOTES EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT CONCERNING THIS PROJECT. TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED AGREEMENT INSOFAR AS CABRERA IS CONCERNED, A NOTE FROM THE GOM CONCURRING IN THE ANAPRA CROSSING IS REQUIRED.

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3. CABRERA STATED HIS BELIEF THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CROSSINGS IN CONNECTION WITH AMISTAD AND FALCON DAMS WAS SPECIFIED IN THE IBWC MINUTES PERTINENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THOSE WORKS.

4. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY RECOGNIZES THAT FURTHER ACTION AT THIS TIME MAY NOT BE REQUIRED, GIVEN FACT THAT STATE GOVERNMENTS ARE PROCEEDING WITH PLANS WHICH EVENTUALLY MIGHT PRESENT GOM WITH FAIT ACCOMPLI. AS REPORTED IN MEXICO'S 4022, CABRERA IS ALSO AWARE OF THIS POSSIBILITY.

HENCE, UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, EMBASSY WILL LET MATTER REST PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AT THE SITE.

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